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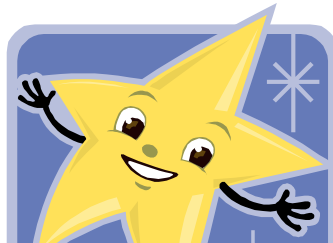


NEWSLETTER FOR THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE CHULA VISTA ANIMAL FACILITY VOL. 2 FEBRUARY 2006



OVER 1,000 HOURS LOGGED BY VOLUNTEERS IN 2005!

Volunteers make a huge difference in our ability to keep over 300 animals comfortable and achieve our goal of helping our Chula Vista residents with their pet care needs. The CVACF has 5 Animal Care Assistants on duty each day, 365 days/year. Volunteers make it possible for our staff to attend special adoption and public education events, behavior test dogs, improve the cattery, and participate in scores of other activities to enhance the care we give to our animals. We would like to recognize the volunteers below who have logged in an incredible number of hours at our facility last year.



300+ hours – Ingrid Wallbank
200+ hours – Tamara Cunningham
100 + hours – Laura Backe
Christopher Lawless
James Lawless
Jean Spafford



For those of you who work behind the scenes and don't actually log in actual time at the facility, we would like to thank you for your efforts as well. *Penny Adams, Jenny Ludovissy* and *Betsy Andersen* are among the group who network our animals for adoption behind the scenes. Thanks to you all. Don't forget to log in your hours in our volunteer book when you come to our facility.

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VOLUNTEERS SAVE LIVES THROUGH THE CVACF FOSTER PROGRAM

With the spring puppy and kitty season soon upon us, CVACF has re-organized its foster care program under the direction of Animal Care Assistant Eileen Akers.

Eileen is developing a foster parent database with contact information for those of you willing to bottle feed young kittens and puppies that enter our facility.

From March through September, we receive hundreds of kittens too young to survive without foster assistance. In 2005, most kittens that were raised for 3-8 weeks by foster parents were successfully adopted. However, nearly 200 tiny kittens were either too ill to nurse, or we could not find fosters for them. This year we hope to increase our success rate by having readily available foster parents for all abandoned kittens.

Eileen makes it easy to be a foster parent. She will provide you with special milk, bottles, food, and instructions on kitten/puppy care. Eileen schedules your rechecks at 2 week intervals for needed vaccines, deworming and other medical care. No time to feed kittens every 3 hours? Then sign up to foster a mother cat with new babies! They take care of themselves, and just need a quiet, comfortable environment for 3-8 weeks until the kittens are weaned. Some kittens come into our facility too 'wild' to be adopted, and fosters are needed to socialize these babies.

Kittens from foster care return to the CVACF for spay/neuter surgery, return to foster for a week, and then are then put up for adoption when they reach 2.5 lbs. Volunteers *Ingrid Wallbank* and *Laura Backe* have raised scores of kittens for our facility. Many other volunteers are also active foster parents.



Catalina Bueno with a cat she "socialized" in foster care. This cat was 'untouchable' just a few weeks ago!

We need volunteers for the
CVACF Foster Care
Program
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What's New at the Facility

SNAP NEUTER SCOOTER ADDRESSES CHULA VISTA PET OVERPOPULATION PROBLEM

The SNAP Neuter Scooter held its first CVACF low-cost spay/neuter clinic in October, 2005. By the end of the year, **294** Chula Vista, National City, Lemon Grove and Imperial Beach dogs and cats had been "fixed" on the bus. This is exciting news, as the CVACF provides shelter services for these 4 cities. The Neuter Scooter continues to park at CVACF at least twice a month, with additional Chula Vista clinics held in front of Fuddruckers, in Memorial Park.

How can volunteers help reduce the number of unwanted dogs and cats in our service areas? Encourage people to spay/neuter their pets, either with their veterinarian or with the Neuter Scooter. The scooter also provides \$5 spay/neuter service for feral (wild) cats. No appointment is necessary for feral cats, and cats must be in traps and at the scooter by 9:00 am on clinic days. CVACF lends traps to the public to catch feral cats. Flyers with clinic dates are available at the CVACF, or call them at 1-866-772-9287 for an appointment.

Remember, "friends don't let friends have unspayed pets!". Tell your friends about the neuter scooter today.



The neuter scooter in Chula Vista

Update on Kitty City

The 'reptile room' has been converted into a cattery and thanks to volunteer **Diane Verry**, the room will soon be filled with a giant 8-ft.-long "kitty city" cat condo. Diane raised the funds and a check for \$463.98 has been sent to Foster and Smith Company for this new addition. We expect the room to be fully decorated by the time of the next newsletter. Thanks again Diane and friends! With kitten season right around the corner, the new room will be purrfect for the little ones.



These bare walls will soon be covered by Kitty City!

